(c) to (e) There is no proposal to either hand over the park to NDMC or to expand it.

Additional room in Type II quarters in Gole Market

†1383. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to construct an additional room in the type II quarters in Sector-4, Gole Market,

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned and the number of quarters where additional room would be constructed; and

(c) by when Government would start the construction of the additional room and the time limit fixed for the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 357.47 lakh approx. has been sanctioned for construction of additional room in 1104 quarters.

(c) From the commencement of the work in February, 2004, 15 months is the stipulated time for completion.

Footpath on roads in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

†1384. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that school going children are at great risk due to heavy traffic of water tankers and other vehicles on thoroughfare to J.J. clusters of Kusumpur Pahari near Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vasant Vihar and absence of footpath on the roads leading to the school; and

(b) if so, what immediate steps/necessary measures Government propose to take to restrict the said road for heavy vehicles and water tankers and also ensure construction of footpaths on all the roads to the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Commissioner of Police and Central Public Works Department (CPWD) have reported that there is no footpath on the roads leading to Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi situated near J.J. Colony, Kusumpur Pahari. The CPWD has no proposal to construct any footpath on the roads leading from CPWD Colony to the said school. However, the Traffic Police authorities have banned the plying of heavy traffic vehicles, except water tankers, and if any such vehicle is found plying, appropriate action under the Motor Vehicles Act is taken. The plying of water tankers cannot be prohibited as it is necessitated whenever shortage of regular water supply in that area occurs.

Foreign contracts by DMRC

1385. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation proposes to undertake jobs abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in manufacturing the metro coaches indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC), has been approached by the Government of Sri Lanka for examining the feasibility of metro rail system for Colombo. No agreement in this regard has been signed.

(c) Delhi Metrol Rail Corporation Ltd. has awarded a contract for "Design manufacture, supply, testing and commissioning of 240 coaches" for the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) Project, Phase I, to a consortium named, MRM, comprising Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan (Leader); Rotem Company, South Korea and Mitsubishi Electrical Corporation, Japan. The contract includes manufacture of 180 modern, light-weight coaches in India, with progressive indigenisation, through technology transfer. MRM has engaged Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., a public